

# POPPO

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of the **POPCORN** THEATRE

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LET'S KNOCK HIS  
HAT O..G..GULP!

OH, BOY,  
WHAT A TARGET  
POPPO IS!

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I GUESS  
YOU KIDS ARE  
TOO BUSY TO  
RIDE ON MY  
NEW SLED!



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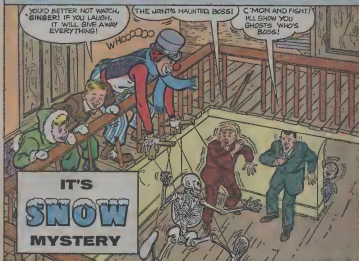
—THE CLOWN—WHO "CAN'T HELP LIKING KIDS", HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD OVER PHOTOGRAPHING HIS ADVENTURES—THE GREAT ACTS THAT PLAYED ON THE SAME BILL—AND COLLECTING PRINTS OF THE CARTOONS AND COMEDIES THAT HE ENJOYED. BORN TO THE CIRCUS, AND THE JOY OF MAKING OTHERS LAUGH, HIDING HIS OWN SORROWS SO OTHERS MAY BE HAPPY, HE IS THE CLOWN OF ALL AGES—FOR ALL AGES. NOW HE HAS RETIRED FROM THE CIRCUS, BUT STILL FINDS HIS REWARDS IN LIFE MAKING OTHERS LAUGH.



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# POPPO the CLOWN



I THINK I'LL PUT ON A LITTLE PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW! THE KIDS'LL BE GOOD AND COLD, AND SOME LAUGHS WILL WARM THEM UP!



I'LL TURN ON THE TELEVISION! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE MUSIC TO WORK BY!



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE, MISS JUDY'S THANK YOU...YOU WALTZ DIVINELY! COME NOW GIVE US A LITTLE SMILE, THERE, THAT'S BETTER!



BLESS MY SOUL...THERE'S A TEAR IN YOUR DRESS! NOW YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE, AND I'LL GET A NEEDLE AND THREAD! DON'T RUN AWAY!



EVERYONE IN THIS AREA IS URGED TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR THREE CONVICTS WHO HAVE JUST ESCAPED FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY! THEY'RE ARMED AND DESPERATE! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE THEM. CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE.



THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE TRAVELING IN A GREEN FOUR-DOOR SEDAN. HERE ARE THEIR PHOTOS. STUDY THEM.



THERE WE ARE, HONEY! THE RIGHT COLOR, TOO!



AGAIN, WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU ANOTHER SPECIAL BULLETIN ON THE SNOW STORM. EXTREMELY HEAVY SNOWS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT HOUR, DEVELOPING TO BLIZZARD PROPORTIONS.

GOODNESS ME! THE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE CAUGHT IN IT!



DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CAR UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY! THE WEATHER BUREAU BELIEVES THAT THIS STORM WILL BREAK ALL RECORDS FOR THIS AREA!

GOLLY, I HOPE THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT, IF THEY DON'T GET HERE PRETTY SOON, I'LL GO AFTER THEM!



BUMPY AND GINGER ARE OUT THERE, FRANK! THEY WENT SKATING. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

THEY SHOULD BE HOME BY NOW. CALL JIMMIE'S HOUSE. MAYBE THEY STOPPED THERE ON THEIR WAY BACK!



THEY'RE NOT HERE, MRS. WEBSTER! IN FACT, WE WERE JUST GOING TO CALL YOU!

THEY'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH POPPO LATELY. THEY COULD BE AT HIS HOUSE! LET'S ALL DRIVE OUT THERE BEFORE THE BLIZZARD GETS ANY WORSE!



IF I'M GOING TO GET ANYWHERE IN THAT SNOW, I'LL NEED SOMETHING EVEN BIGGER THAN MY FEET! IT CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE SOME SKIS!

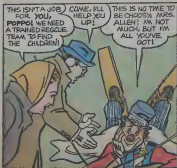


THESE ARE GOING TO BE THE BEST LITTLE OLD SKIS THAT EVER SKIDDED OUT FROM UNDER A GUY!

COME IN!

KNOCK! KNOCK!





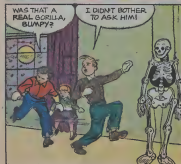
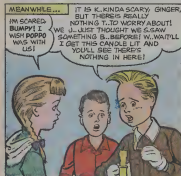


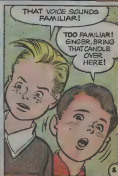
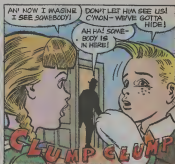
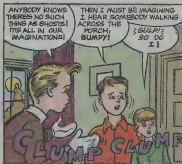




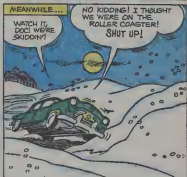
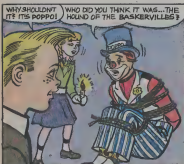
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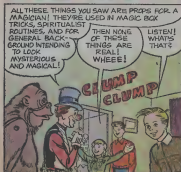
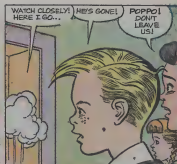
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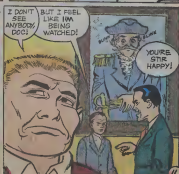
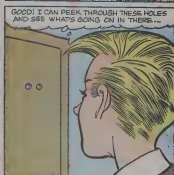
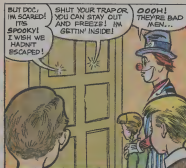




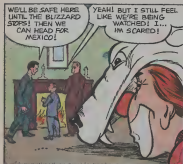






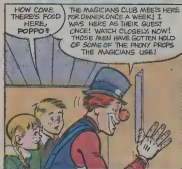


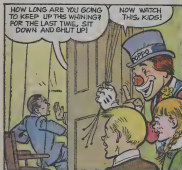




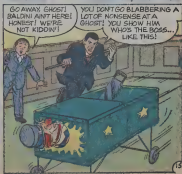
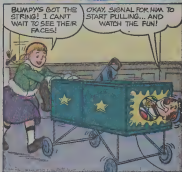
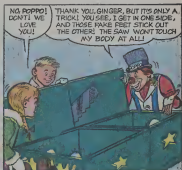
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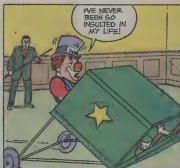
## SPOOFING SPOOKS













WHAT'S THE IDEA  
OF HITTING ME  
WITH THAT PADDLE,  
YOU LITTLE  
TWIRP!

YOU WON'T  
BELIEVE IT,  
BUT THE GHOST DID  
IT AN' HE  
STUCK IT  
INTO MY HAND!



THAT  
WAS A  
"RICT,  
POPPO!

C'MON, I JUST REMEMBERED  
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS  
HOUSE! LET'S  
GO DOWN TO  
THE BASE-  
MENT!

WHAT'S  
NEXT,  
POPPO?



WHY'RE WE  
COMING DOWN  
HERE, POPPO?  
I'M SCARED!

WELL NOT,  
WITH  
POPPO  
AROUND!

IT'S SADE DOWN HERE!  
IT'S THOSE CROOKS WHO  
ARE TO BE FEARED! I'VE  
THOUGHT OF A WAY TO  
CATCH THEM!

THIS CHUTE CONNECTS WITH A  
TRAPDOOR IN A FRONT CLOSET!  
IF I CAN MAKE A RUN INTO THAT  
CLOSET, THEY MAY FOLLOW ME  
AND FALL THROUGH! AND WHEN  
THEY ARRIVE HERE YOU DO  
WHAT YOU THINK BEST!

OKAY, POPPO—  
WE'RE READY!



HE'S GOTTA BE AROUND  
HERE SOME PLACE, AND  
I'M GONNA FIND HIM!

I'D JUST AS SOON  
FORGET THE  
WHOLE THING!

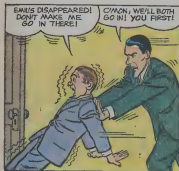


YOO HOO! YOU  
CAN'T CATCH  
ME!

THAT'S HIM! IF THAT'S  
A GHOST, I'M A PURPLE  
TREE!

Y-YIKE!

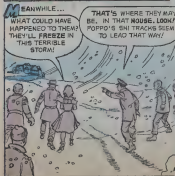
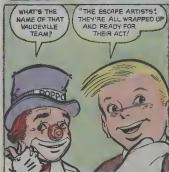


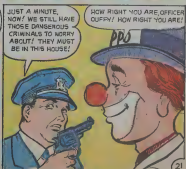
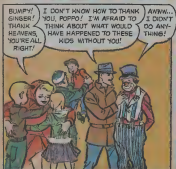




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BE TIED**



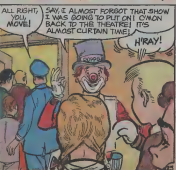
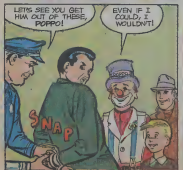
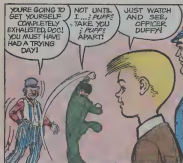












LATER AT POPPO'S POPCORN THEATRE...

A REINDEER WALKED INTO THE RESTAURANT WHERE I WAS HAVING DINNER LAST NIGHT AND ORDERED THE BLUE PLATE SPECIAL!

GOODNESS! WHAT DID THE WAITER SAY?



HE SAID, "PARDON ME FOR LOOKING SURPRISED, SIR, BUT WE'VE NEVER HAD A REINDEER IN HERE BEFORE!"

I'M NOT SURPRISED! THAT REINDEER HAD SOME NERVE!



AND THE REINDEER SAID, "NO AND WITH THESE OUTRAGEOUS PRICES, YOU'LL NEVER SEE ANOTHER!"

OH, NO! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT WAS ANOTHER OF YOUR MISERABLE JOKES! TAKE THAT!

THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO SEE YOU, POPPO!



HONEST, HE'S NOT PART OF THE ACT!

IT... IT'S THE G. GOVERNOR!

ARE YOU POPPO'S



I CAN'T DENY IT!

I'M HONORED TO MEET YOU SIR! IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SKILL, BRAVERY AND QUICK WIT, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL!



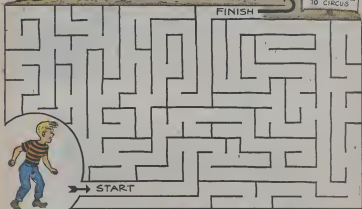
FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW!

AWW!

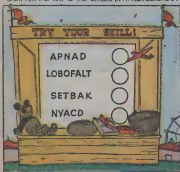
POPPO! YOU'RE BLUSHING!



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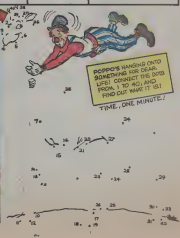
POPPO IS WAITING UP AT THE MAIN TENT WITH A FREE PASS TO THE CIRCUS FOR THIS FELLA. CAN YOU SHOW HIM THE WAY TO THE CIRCUS IN FIFTEEN SECONDS?



HERE'S A LIST OF PRIZES AT THE BALL THROWING TENT, BUT THEY'RE ALL MIXED UP! EVERY TIME YOU UNSCRAMBLE ONE, YOU SCORE A BULLSEYE! GOOD LUCK!  
TIME, THREE MINUTES!



POPPO'S HANGING ONTO SOMETHING FOR DEAR LIFE! CONNECT THE DOTS FROM 1 TO 40, AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!  
TIME, ONE MINUTE!



# CENTER RING FACTS

## SPLICED IN THE SKY

The big day for two French aerialists was a high wire wedding fifty feet above the street in Toulouse. While they swayed in the breeze and teetered perilously in a strong wind, the couple were blessed by a priest who performed the ceremony while standing on top of a fire ladder. Afterwards the bride and groom waved to a crowd of 20,000 people who came to witness the daring wedding. The young couple had fallen for each other while performing in a traveling circus.



## IN THE NICK OF TIME

During a circus exhibition in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1932, a group of high wire walkers had just reached their safety platform when it collapsed. As they fell, each man managed to grab and hold onto the wire except a girl performer, who had fainted. As she fell, one man caught her with his legs and held. The group inched their way to the guide poles and all landed safely - the entire troupe coming back to take their bows.



## BIG TIME CIRCUS

The Circus Maximus in ancient Rome under the rule of Pompey seated 150,000 spectators free. It featured boxing, wrestling, fighting elephants, men without weapons fighting lions; camel and elephant races; bareback riding; and approximately 10 to 15 chariot races, each containing from four to six chariots. The Circus Maximus was enlarged until it reached three stories high and accommodated 250,000 spectators.



## CLOWN JOEY

Joseph Grimaldi, born in London in 1779, devoted 47 of the 58 years of his life to stage and circus pantomime and became the most celebrated clown of all time. He originated and standardized the dress and general routines of the sawdust comedians and, since his day, all clowns have been nicknamed "Joey" in his honor. Soon after Grimaldi's death his memoirs were edited and published in two volumes by Charles Dickens; and his costumes were presented to the London Museum, where they may be seen to the present day.



# POPPO'S BOX of TRICKS



HERE'S A  
SLICK CARD TRICK!  
TAKE A DECK OF CARDS!  
YOUR FRIEND HANDS THEM  
TO YOU ONE AT A TIME  
BEHIND YOUR BACK!  
YOU CAN NAME THE  
COLOR OF EACH CARD,  
RED OR BLACK,  
EVERY TIME!

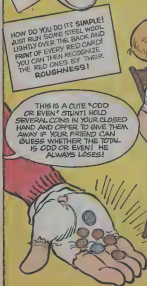
NOW A GREAT AND  
READING TRICK! LEAVE  
THE ROOM WHILE YOUR  
MEDIUM IS TOLD A PEOPLE'S  
NUMBER. WHEN YOU  
RETURN, YOU PLAY YOUR  
HANDS ON HIS FOREHEAD  
TO CONCENTRATE!  
ALTHOUGH NO WORK  
IS DONE YOU  
ALWAYS GET THE  
NUMBER!

HOW DO YOU DO IT? SIMPLE!  
JUST RUN SOME STEEL WOOL  
LIGHTLY OVER THE BACK AND  
FRONT OF EVERY RED CARD!  
YOU CAN THEN RECOGNIZE  
THE RED ONES BY THEIR  
ROUGHNESS!

THIS IS A CUTE "ODD  
OR EVEN" STUNT! HOLD  
SEVERAL COINS IN YOUR CLOSED  
HAND AND OFFER TO GIVE THEM  
AWAY IF YOUR FRIEND CAN  
GUESS WHETHER THE TOTAL  
IS ODD OR EVEN! HE  
ALWAYS LOSES!

YOUR FINGERS ARE PLACED ON HIS  
TEMPLES AND HE CLENCHES HIS  
TEETH ONCE FOR EACH NUMBER.  
YOU CAN FEEL THE CLENCHING BUT  
IT CAN NOT BE SEEN BY THE  
AUDIENCE!

THE COINS MUST BE A DIME, A NICKEL,  
AND FIVE PENNIES. IF THE PERSON GUESSES  
ODD, TOTAL UP THE SUM TO 20 CENTS, WHICH  
IS EVEN. IF HE GUESSES EVEN, TOTAL UP  
THE NUMBER OF COINS TO 7, WHICH IS  
AN ODD FIGURE.





# BOX of TRICKS



NO. 2  
NO. 1

IM GOING TO TEACH YOU THE FAMOUS TRICK OF THE DISAPPEARING BLUE CARD... SHOW A RED, A BLUE, AND A WHITE CARD AS YOU DROP EACH ONE INTO AN EMPTY HAT! TAKE OUT THE RED AND WHITE CARDS! ASK THE AUDIENCE TO GUESS WHAT IS LEFT! THEY GUESS BLUE, BUT... IT IS RED!

ONE CARD HAS A RED SIDE AND A BLUE SIDE. YOU SHOW THE BLUE SIDE WHEN IT GOES INTO THE HAT, AND THE RED SIDE WHEN YOU REMOVE IT! LEAVE THE REAL RED CARD IN THE HAT AND PUT THE OTHERS IN YOUR POCKET!

WANT A COLOR TRICK? HERE'S A BEAUTY! PUT FIVE CRAYONS OF DIFFERENT COLORS ON A TABLE. SOMEBODY HANDS YOU ONE BEHIND YOUR BACK! BY FINGERING IT YOU CAN TELL HIM WHAT COLOR IT IS!



WHEN THE CRAYON IS PLACED IN YOUR HAND, YOU SCRAPE OFF A SMALL BIT WITH YOUR FINGERNAIL... POINT YOUR FINGER DRAMATICALLY AS YOU ANNOUNCE THE COLOR. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT.

HERE'S A NIFTY COIN TRICK! PLACE A CENT AND A DIME ON THE TABLE! WHEN YOU TURN AWAY, SOMEBODY PICKS UP ONE COIN AND HOLDS IT OVER YOUR HEAD WHILE YOU SAY POPPO TEN TIMES. THEN THE COIN IS REPLACED ON THE TABLE. NOW PLACE BOTH COINS ON YOUR FOREHEAD, CONCENTRATE... AND YOU WILL KNOW WHICH ONE WAS CHOSEN!



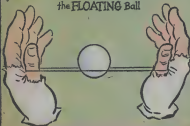
THE WARMEST COIN WILL BE THE CORRECT ONE. THE HEAT OF THE PERSON'S HAND WILL HAVE MADE IT WARMER THAN THE OTHER!

# BOX OF TRICKS



THIS UNUSUAL EFFECT WILL REALLY ASTONISH YOUR FRIENDS! POKE A RED BALLOON INSIDE A BLUE ONE. INFLATE THEM BOTH, THE OUTER ONE A LITTLE MORE THAN THE INNER ONE. WITH A PIN CONCEALED IN YOUR HAND, CAREFULLY PRICK THE BLUE BALLOON. IT WILL EXPLODE AND YOU WILL NOW BE HOLDING A RED BALLOON!

## the FLOATING Ball



HOLD A LOOP OF THIN BLACK THREAD BY YOUR THUMB AND PLACE A PING PONG BALL ON THE TIGHTLY STRETCHED THREADS. IN A DIM LIGHT AS THE BALL ROLLS BACK AND FORTH, IT WILL APPEAR TO BE FLOATING 'WEIRDLY' IN SPACE!



YOU WILL AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS BY STANDING A PLAYING CARD UPRIGHT AND BALANCING A GLASS OF WATER ON IT! JUST PASTE A FLAP ON THE BACK OF THE CARD. (IF THE FLAP HAS THE SAME DESIGN AS THE BACK OF THE CARD, IT WILL BE INVISIBLE WHEN IT IS FOLDED DOWN.)

# BOX of TRICKS



3

NO. 2

NO. 1



NO. 3

NO. 2

NO. 1

HERE ARE THREE SIMPLE OBJECTS, PALS! A SHEET OF WHITE PAPER... A COIN... AND A DRINKING GLASS. I COVER THE COIN WITH THE GLASS AND KA-ZOOM! IT DISAPPEARS! WHERE DID IT GO?

HERE'S HOW! CUT A ROUND DISC OF WHITE PAPER TO FIT THE TOP OF A GLASS. PASTE THIS DISC TO THE RIM OF THE GLASS AND WIPE AWAY ANY EXCESS PASTE. WHEN THE GLASS IS RESTING UPSIDE DOWN ON THE WHITE SHEET OF PAPER, ITS WHITE COVER WILL BE INVISIBLE. SLIDE THE GLASS OVER THE COIN... THE COIN SEEMS TO DISAPPEAR! SLIDE THE GLASS AWAY... THE COIN REAPPEARS AS IF BY MAGIC!



I SHOOK A LITTLE PEPPER ONTO A PILE OF SALT! I CAN REMOVE THE PEPPER WITHOUT TOUCHING IT OR BLOWING IT!

CAN YOU BLOW THIS BIG POP BOTTLE OVER? I CAN!

SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE, DOESN'T IT? JUST RUN A COMB THROUGH YOUR HAIR TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY. NOW PACE THE COMB BACK AND FORTH OVER THE MIXTURE. THE PEPPER, SINCE IT IS LIGHTER IN WEIGHT THAN THE SALT, IS EASILY ATTRACTED TO THE COMB AND JUMPS TOWARD IT. A FEW GRAINS OF SALT MAY COME UP, TOO, BUT YOU WILL REMOVE ALL THE PEPPER.

PLACE A PAPER BAG ON THE TABLE AND STAND A BOTTLE OF POP ON IT. NOW BLOW INTO THE PAPER BAG AND THE BOTTLE WILL FALL OVER.

SHARE THE TREASURED  
SECRETS of  
the **MOST LOVABLE CLOWN**

in the WORLD,  
**DON'T MISS NEXT  
WEEK'S ISSUE**

**POPPO**

**IT'S  
COLOSSAL!  
STUPENDOUS!  
STARTLING!  
SUPER!**

ASK  
YOUR  
STORE-  
KEEPER  
TO SAVE  
YOUR  
COPY!



**KIDS!**

*See and hear me every week*

**ON T.V.**

*Tune in*

*Poppo*

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